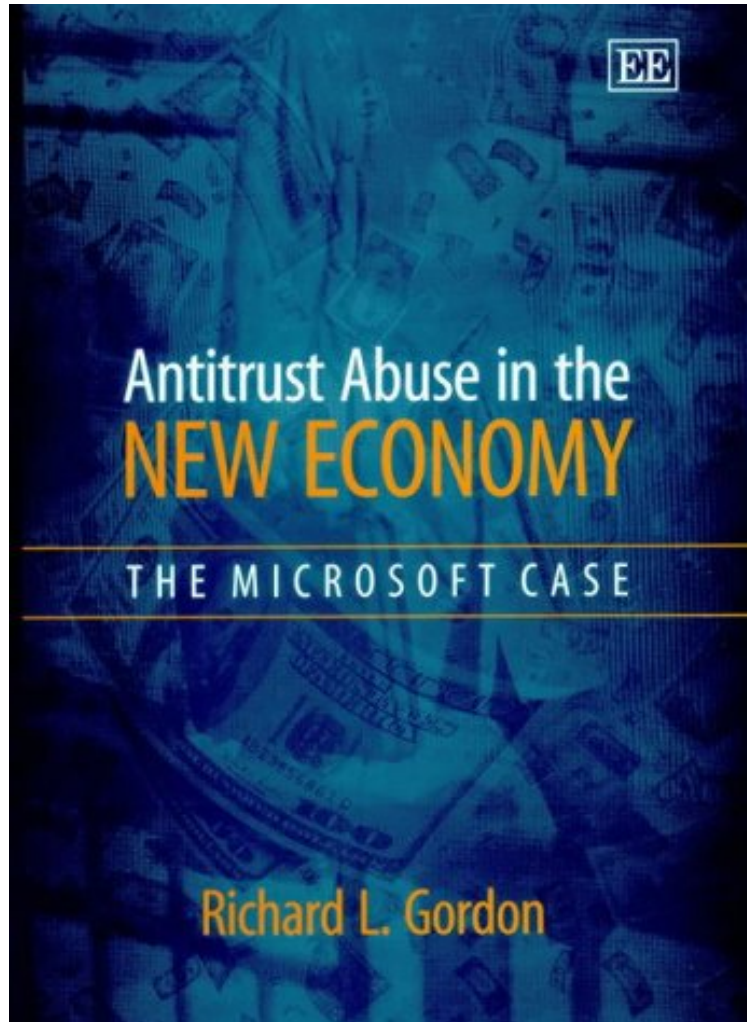


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1 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not worth the price!By Diego FigueroaI actually borrowed this book from my local library. I was interested to see why the author claimed an unfair trial on Microsoft. I am not a fan of Microsoft or its monopoly practices but I wanted to be fair and undertand if there had been really government abuse in their trial.It all started ok with the author giving facts and citing everything which in many cases made me side with Microsoft but after a while (chapter 4 and beyond) it is clear to see he looses his objective and neutral vision and starts expressing his own opinions on how MS technologies are superior. He acusses the government of not giving evidence on many claims brought upon MS and I agree with him but he is guilty of the same when he claims that MS's IE is

superior but does not provide any proof of it. When it comes to economic theory and antitrust I think Mr. Gordon is very knowledgeable but I also think he is too blinded by theory to clearly see the reality in MS case... And finally, when it comes to technological matters I don't think Mr. Gordon has a clue about computers. Throughout chapters 7, 8 and 9 he proves to be a regular Microsoft tied user which makes it obvious as to why he defends every MS product and accuses almost all of the government allegations selling...

In this fresh examination of the Microsoft antitrust case, Richard Gordon critically examines the economics of the US government's arguments. The conclusion is that the government presented a sketchy, incoherent, invalid economic case and relied upon creating the impression of misdeeds to persuade the courts. The primary charge is that Microsoft possessed an impregnable monopoly in operating systems for personal computers. According to the government, Microsoft created, included in its operating system, and vigorously promoted its internet browser solely to prevent the development of the Java/Netscape alternative. The promotion of this browser was considered predatory. Microsoft allegedly undertook similar acts against other companies. According to Gordon, the government failed to present even a clear statement of its charges and failed to substantiate the critical allegations. In this book, he concentrates on the underlying economics of the case and reviews the germane theory. He presents and evaluates implicit government arguments as well as Microsoft's refutations. Readers in economics, law and public policy will find this well researched analysis enlightening.